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²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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“Here was a man who was so gripped by the message he was proclaiming that he was not just willing, but eager to suffer for it and within a few short years he would be willing to die for it. He had an overwhelming conviction that his message was not merely true; it was the Truth. And what was true for Paul was consistent with all the other New Testament apostles who also suffered and almost all of whom were martyred for their faith.”

-Mark Johnston

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3. Replace “Paul” with yourself

